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ALSO REPORT OF MAO TSE-TUNG'S
CONVERSATION WITH FINNISH AMBASSADOR

I. Columnist Joseph Alsop reports from
Taipei (23 Feb) on conversation of
28 Jan between Mao Tse-tung and new
Finnish ambassador.

A. Mao said to have developed
theme "nothing could alter
his intention of conquer
Formosa," to have "defied
the American guarantee," and
to have "ridiculed the idea
of a cease-fire deal."

II. This conversation reported to US
ComGen in Hong Kong, by officer
Finnish embassy, 2 Feb.

A. Finn said Mao called in
ambassador, after presenta-
tion credentials, for 40-
minute talk.

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had used conversation mainly to emphasize ChiCom "inflexible determination" to take Formosa. Said to have "stated flatly" that there would be no peace in Far East until this accomplished.

III. This conversation added nothing to ChiCom statements of recent months.

A. Peiping has been publicly emphasizing, since last July its determination to "liberate" all Nationalist-held territory, and has publicly rejected all compromise proposals.

B. Chou En-lai has taken same line in several private talks with diplomats in Peiping.

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